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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, 8th Nov:

ASCCA Conference—
We have some winners.

Friday, 11th Nov:

Enrolment Day

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President's Report

The Christmas Season is approaching fast but there is still another month of learning and fun with ComputerPals. As usual, our volunteers are working hard to try and put some interesting classes into the timetable before we break for Christmas. There are a few spaces available for classes to be added, so, if you would like a class on a subject just let us know. Our next **Enrolment Open Day is on Friday, 11th November from 9:30 to 11:30**. That is a good time to bring along a friend and introduce them to the clubroom and tutors.

The 'Beginners' classes sponsored through a grant from Newcastle City Council are continuing. However, we have had some 'no shows'. If you book a class please advise us if you cannot attend (even the free classes) because others may be able to fill your place. As well, the tutors are volunteers who use their own funds (car & fuel) to come to the clubroom. If they come in for a class where no one turns up they have wasted valuable time and money.

Some of our members were enlightened about the approaching advent of "Autonomous Vehicles" at our last Morning Tea on 10th October. Dr. Gary Ellem, Program Manager for Future Industries at the Faculty of Science, Newcastle University spoke about the social impact of driverless vehicles and, in particular, the benefits for older road users. Judging by the interaction of the audience and the fact that our speaker was still answering questions while we packed away, this subject was of personal interest to all. In fact, when I arrived home that afternoon, the NRMA Open Road had been delivered and several pages of content were devoted to this very subject! It is a shame so many of our members missed the event and the opportunity to hear such a great speaker talking on a topic which will impact all of us. You can view an almost identical talk on YouTube by clicking on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXn3lWMkyow>

Another interesting talk by Dr Ellem is at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHRswdBv0lk>

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This time last year we were busily trying to solve our accommodation problem. Although our current accommodation costs are high and causing depletion of saved funds, we have settled in well and intend to stay at our current clubroom for at least another six months.

We now have a Facebook page so, if you use this social media, you can search for us. If not, go to the ComputerPals website - computerpals.org.au - and scroll to the bottom of the home page. There you will find a link.

Remember to set aside **Friday 2nd December for our Christmas Lunch** to be held at the Diggers Club, Hanbury Street, Mayfield starting at 11.30 am in the Star Buffet Restaurant.

Sandra — Your President

Social Day Out—October



On Saturday 8th, 13 members gathered at McDonalds Edgeworth to assemble for a drive out to the Wallis Creek Watergarden at Mulbring.

Following the essential caffeine fix, unfortunately 3 of our members were unable to proceed, so it was that just 10 of us were left to move on to our destination. On arrival, we were greeted by our guide who showed us around the property. Water/pond plants of all denominations were in plentiful supply, and numerous questions were asked by those present. Spread over some 5 acres, there was a greenhouse and numerous ponds filled with both exotic and more common varieties of water lilies, lotus, water iris, permaculture and edible plants, all in a rather natural (although a little untidy) environment. That, however, did not stop the odd purchase of a pot plant.



Our next excursion on Saturday 5th November will be a visit to the Blue Gum Hills Regional Park at Minmi - more details later.



Morning Tea.

Monday 10th saw 27 members turn out for our Morning Tea/Guest Speaker. President Sandra opened proceedings with an outline of the Club's current situation with regards to the financial, technical, educational and social aspects. We were then informed that after many years exemplary service, Dorothy and Audrey were 'calling time' on the tasks of ordering, transporting and presenting such delicious morning teas and keeping the clubroom well stocked as well - our heartfelt thanks for a job very well done. Their last M/T was right up there with the best, and all attendees were suitably impressed with the spread provided.

Our Guest Speaker for this meeting was Dr. Gary Ellem, Program Manager for Future Industries at the Faculty of Science, Newcastle University along with his own business relating to sustainable futures. Back for a second presentation, Gary spoke of the ever changing modes of transport, specifically our current dependence on the motor car and the path towards driverless vehicles - a pertinent point given the swelling number of seniors due in no small manner to the Baby Boomers. The many questions asked and answered was proof of a successful and enjoyable session.



For one of his presentations, copy and paste this address into your browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXn3lWMkyow>

Note: Don't forget our *Christmas Lunch on Friday 2nd December* - more details later.

CHRISTMAS
IS CANCELLED



Apparently **YOU** told Santa
that you had been **GOOD** this year...

HE DIED LAUGHING!

Funnybone ...

Some Tech support conversations

Tech Support: 'I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop'.

Customer: 'OK'.

Tech Support: 'Did you get a pop-up menu?'

Customer: 'No'.

Tech Support: 'OK. Right-Click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?'

Customer: 'No'.

Tech Support: 'OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?'

Customer: 'Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click – twice''.

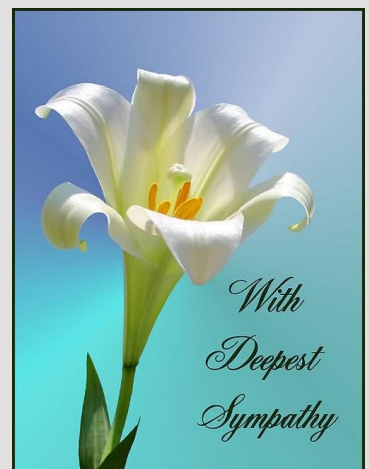
Caller: 'I deleted a file from my PC last week and I have just realised that I need it. If I turn my system clock back two weeks will I have my file back again?'

Best Wishes

For all our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries - hearty congratulations !



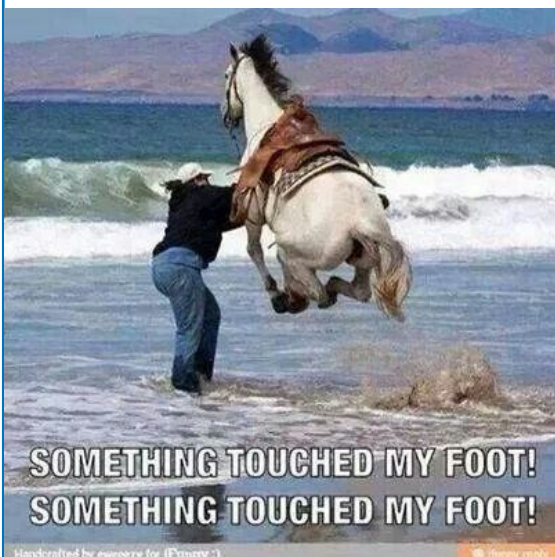
To those who are ill we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Condolences

To those of our members who have lost loved ones recently, please accept our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts.

Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**



If a telemarketer calls, give the telephone to your 3 year-old and tell her it's Santa.



Growing old is hard work... The mind says "yes" but, the body says "what the hell are you thinking"

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My Living Will

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them,

'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!!

The little bastards.

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Special Interest Groups



MemoryPals

Our new group meets on **first Monday** of each month at 1:00pm in the clubroom. Reminisce about your childhood memories and learn how to preserve them.

WriterPals

Our Creative Writing group is for enthusiasts, not experts. We meet on the **second Monday of each month** at 15 Hubbard Street, Islington. Meetings are from 1:00 pm. until we go home!



DigiPals

DigiPals is an active group of ComputerPals members who meet on the **third Monday of each month** at 1 p.m. in the Islington clubroom to explore digital photography.

TabPals

If you have a portable device: iPad, Android tablet we have a Special Interest group called TabPals.

The **fourth Friday of the month** is our regular meeting Apple devices at 11 a.m, Android at 1pm in the clubroom.



MemoryPals

Our October MemoryPals meeting which was held a week early due to the Public Holiday was well attended. Helen showed us the beautiful calendars and book she has made using favourite photos. It was interesting to hear what everyone has in mind for their projects and the resources they will need. We discussed ways to bring old photos into new technology - scanning photos, slides and negatives - using scanners or the CamScanner App for smartphones or tablets. Ways to ensure music on cassette tapes is available for use also provided a challenge. Use of MovieMaker and PowerPoint programs may be presented as classes if enough people are interested. MemoryPals links perfectly with Writerpals as each person wants to tell their story in an entertaining way. Members are encouraged to follow the links on our ComputerPals website to read some of the WriterPals stories.

WriterPals

Everyone has a story to tell....Yes you do!!! We just have to get them on paper. Reminiscing brings up some great yarns and memories.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10th October** and our topics are

1. Dancing in the Dark
2. One Step at a Time
3. Choose a picture and tell the story.

Please come and join us.



DigiPals

Our last attempt to wander Hamilton and photograph old/interesting houses was washed out. We entertained ourselves looking at past outings photos in the comfort of the classroom instead.

Next meeting on Monday 21st November is our last for the year. We'll put blind faith in the weather and try again for a wander around Hamilton and see how we go. By that time the ASCCA Conference will be over and we will have results of our entries in the competition that we can share with you. Come along and enjoy the day, the surroundings and the company. We will find a nice spot in Beaumont St to have some refreshment. I'll send out an email closer to the day with final details. Keep an eye on your inbox!

TabPals

This group is filling the niche that spans the gap between classes and people are taking advantage of both the social and technological elements of both genres. A couple of the morning attendees, Apple users, have said that they ran out of time, but the tutors in attendance took care of their problems anyway.

Splitting the group into separate times for Apple and Android is working well and relieved a lot of confusion.

ComputerPals Mission

Our mission is to educate seniors in the use of computers as a way of enriching their lives and making them more self-reliant. We bridge the generation gap and assist seniors to find ways to benefit the community through their collective experience and knowledge.

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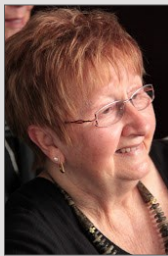


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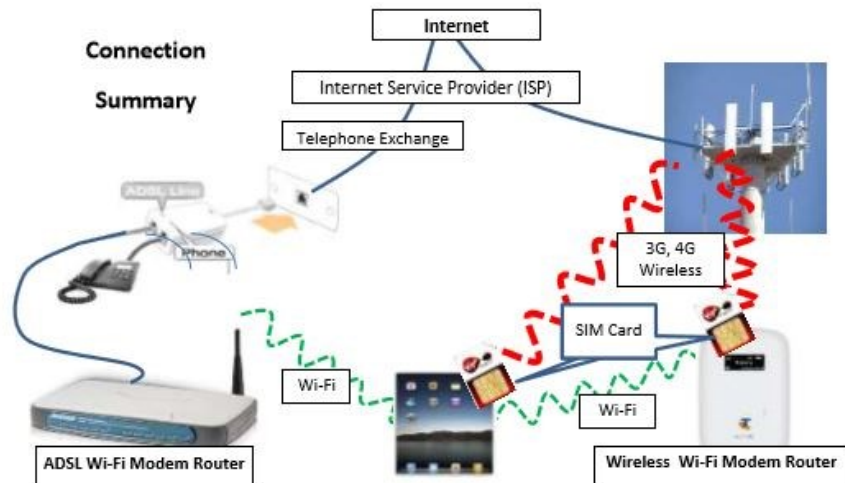
Camel Smith



Wendy Cripps-Clark

These people are all volunteers who also teach classes at Computerpals. We ask that you take this into consideration when your phone call is not answered immediately.

Tech Talk—



For Wi-Fi to Work

At the Modem • Wi-Fi has to be ON in the modem / router • Wi-Fi router security set. Many routers come with this password written on a card or under the modem.

If no password is set then anyone in the vicinity can log onto your modem and use up your internet allowance, or worse.

At your computing Device (eg laptop, tablet, smartphone) • Wi-Fi has to be ON in the tablet / phone/ PC. Sometimes this will be indicated by an LED, sometimes an icon in the status bar, sometimes nothing obvious. • Logged on to the Modem / Routers Wi-Fi signal. This is the Wi-Fi password mentioned above. The password is case sensitive.

Troubleshooting • Know what the LEDs and icons stand for on your modem. Typical ones are: • Power is on • Status of any Ethernet connections, typically 4 LED's on a modem/ router • Status of the Wi-Fi wireless in the modem • DSL or PPP connection LED indicates that your modem can communicate with the matching modem at the telephone exchange. Failure of this LED indicates a poor phone line or interference, not connected to a phone line, your line filter incorrect or failed • A final LED that indicates you have an internet connection. • If you have the DSL or PPP LED on but can't get the Internet connection LED then this can indicate incorrect log on settings in your modem (usually the email address provided by your ISP and its password), or problems at the Exchange, or you haven't paid your bill for that ISP. • Know how to turn the Wi-Fi On and Off on your laptop/ tablet/smartphone. • Sometimes you simply need to turn the modem off, wait 20 secs for the electrons to drain out and then turn it back on again.

Thank you to Sandra for finding this item on the Westlakes ComputerPals site.